

United States District Court for the District of Kansas *continued*

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**Kathryn Hoefer Vratil**  
 Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
 Education: Kansas 1971 BA, 1975 JD  
 Began Service: October 30, 1992  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Earl E. O'Connor, United States District Court for the District of Kansas (1975-1978)

**Judicial:** Municipal Judge, City of Prairie Village (1990-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Lathrop & Norquist (1978-1992)

Chambers of Chief Judge Kathryn Hoefer Vratil *continued*

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Association for Women Lawyers of Kansas City; Federal Judges Association; Johnson County Bar Association; Johnson County Bar Foundation, Johnson County Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; Kansas Bar Foundation, Kansas Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Lawyers Association of Kansas City; National Association of Women Judges; Wyandotte County Bar Association

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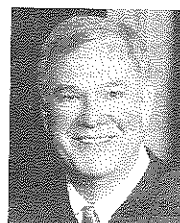
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**J. Thomas Marten**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Washburn 1973 BA, 1976 JD  
 Began Service: January 5, 1996  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Tom Clark, Supreme Court of the United States (1976-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Kutak Rock Cohen Campbell Garfinkle & Woodward (1977-1980); Attorney, Kutak Rock & Huie (1980-1981); Associate, Bremyer & Wise P.A. (1981-1982); Shareholder, Bremyer & Wise P.A. (1982-1996)

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Carlos Murguia  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1957  
 Education: Kansas 1979 BS, 1982 JD  
 Began Service: September 23, 1999  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Small Claims Court Judge/Judge Pro Tem (part-time), Wyandotte County District Court (1984-1990); District Court Judge, Wyandotte County District Court

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Zeigler Legal Services, Chartered (1982-1985)

**Nonprofit:** Coordinator of Immigration Amnesty Program, El Centro, Inc. (1985-1990)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; Kansas Bar Association; Wyandotte County Bar Association

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Julie A. Robinson  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1957  
 Education: Kansas 1978 BS, 1981 JD  
 Began Service: December 14, 2001  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty Member, School of Law, University of Kansas (1989-1990)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Benjamin E. Franklin, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas (1981-1983)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Kansas, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1983-1992); Senior Litigation Counsel, Kansas District, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1992-1994)

Chambers of District Judge Julie A. Robinson *continued*

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas (1994-2001); Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Tenth Circuit (1996-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk, Schneider, Shamburg & May (1981)

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Eric F. Melgren  
District Judge

Education: Wichita State 1979 BA; Washburn 1985 JD  
 Began Service: October 9, 2008  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Wesley E. Brown  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1907  
 Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 1933 LLB  
 Began Service: April 4, 1962  
 Appointed By: President John F. Kennedy

**Corporate:** Secretary and Attorney, Aircraft Woodwork Manufacturing (1942-1944)

**Government:** City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Reno, Nevada (1935-1939)

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Referee, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas (1958-1962); Judge, Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals of the United States (1980-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Williams, Martindell & Carey (1935-1939); Senior Partner, Martindell, Carey, Brown & Brabets (1939-1958)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1944-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Kansas Bar Association; Reno County Bar Association; Southwest Bar Association; Wichita Bar Association

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